



Milwaukee County Council on Emergency Medical Services

Meeting Minutes



Chairwoman: Supervisor Deanna Alexander, (414) 278-4259
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Tuesday, January 28, 2015
8:30 am

Froedtert Conference Ctr.
8700 W. Watertown Plk. Rd.

Attendance

Present – Deanna Alexander, Robert C. Brunner, John Hohenfeldt, Larry Knuth, Steve Riegg, Latonya Simpson, Russell Spahn, Tony Thrasher, DO, Robert Ugaste, Robert Whitaker, Linda Wiedmann, Steve Bane, Riccardo Colella, DO, Kenneth Sternig

Excused – Mike Jankowski, Mike Wright, Betty Ragalie, Samantha Maldonado, Tom Reid

Absent – Frank Lockwood

Others in attendance: Christine Westrich, Nicole Gonzalez, Lauryl Pukansky, Erik Viel, Mary Mattila, Steve Hook, Adam Remington, Leon Butts, Jr., Chris Anderson, JoAnn Simmons, James Baker, Dan Robakowski, Terry Czajkowski, Joseph Forro

8:40 a.m. – meeting called to order by Supervisor Deanna Alexander

Introductions

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from December 4, 2014 – Tabled as there was no quorum

Reports

1. **MC-EMS Administration** (Ken Sternig)
 - MC EMS and MCW have jointly applied for and been awarded a Healthier Wisconsin Grant. The grant is to be used for fire departments not currently providing pre-hospital CPR instructions for patients being reported in cardiac arrest. This is a two year grant and started January 1.
 - Christine Westrich, Director of Milwaukee County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) was introduced. She is planning to give a presentation at the March 25, 2015 EMS Council meeting.
 - Chapter 97 Revision – The creation of OEM has caused administration to review Chapter 97. It was noted that the language was outdated, and it being updated.
 - MC EMS representatives, a few members of the Fire Chief's Association and private providers will be meeting a few times a year to discuss MC EMS Policies and operational items in an effort to strengthen the EMS system in Milwaukee County.
 - A meeting will be held at the MC EMS Offices with MC EMS representatives, private providers and fire department representatives to discuss Special Event submission, review and approval process revision.

- There are currently two physicians from the Shanghai Institute of Health Sciences sitting in on the 40 hour paramedic class. They are gleaning techniques and methods in conducting a paramedic class.
2. **MC EMS Education (Nikki Gonzalez)**
 - Paramedic Class Update – There are currently two classes in session consisting of 44 students. Both classes will be doing their clinical rotations at the same time at area hospitals.
 - Refresher Updates – The final refresher trimester for the paramedics in the field will begin on 2/2 and run thru 2/27 – Monday thru Friday.
 - The EMS Faculty Coordinator Initiative which went live in November seems to be well received by the paramedics in the field. Instructors report that they have been receiving inquiries from staff in the field, and are very happy to be able to work with them one on one.
 3. **MC EMS Health Information Management (Lauryl Pukansky)**
 - Lauryl shared with the members of the Council the 2014 Statistical Reports. The Paramedic Unit Monthly Statistics showed a 4.6% increase in ALS patient assessments, ALS Transports up 2.8% and dispatch notifications up 4.7%. Attachment C is the 4th Qtr Hospital Diversion Summary Report by hospital group.
 - Lauryl also shared with the Council a new report covering Cardiac Arrest Survival Data. Milwaukee County can be very proud of the fact that of all adult cardiac arrests attended by Milwaukee County Paramedics 11.9% of the victims have survived. The national average is 7.9%. As illustrated by the data, the MC EMS average has risen at a steady rate.
 4. **Quality Assurance (Rosie Forster)**
 - Rosie shared with the Council the 2014 Incident Report. The report showed that the number of incidents were down from 2013. The majority of the incidents were incidents reported by the paramedics themselves.
 - The Wisconsin STEMI Coordinators quarterly meeting will be held at FMLH on 2/6/15 from 9:00 a.m to 1:00 p.m.. Anyone interested in attending should contact Rosie. Dr. Aufderheide will be conducting a discussion.
 5. **Communications/Operations (Erik Viel)**
 - Preparations for digital radio update are moving forward. Erik reminded the fire departments once again of the need to upgrade their radios.
 - EMS Comm participated in the Ebola Exercised held at both Children's and Froedtert Hospitals.
 6. **Medical Society Advisory Committee Report (Dr. Tony Thrasher)**
 - Topics discussed at the recent Medical Society Advisory Committee included hospital diversions, Chapter 55 (protective custody) and future direction of the complexity of covering the increase in the Wait List.
 7. **Medical Director's Report (Dr. Riccardo Colella)**
 - Special Events listed on the agenda -
 - Protocols - Protocols to be updated will be uploaded to the MC EMS website in March, after the February Paramedic Refresher has been completed. Standard/Protocol/Policies include: Medication List, Medication Supply, Transfer of Care (Turndown), Protocol Legend, Altered LOC, Cardiac Arrest, Respiratory Distress, V fib, Pulseless V Tach, IV Drip Medication, Nebulized Medication, Required ALS Evaluation, Transport/Triage. Anyone wanting copies of these policies can contact Rosemarie Forster for more information.
 - Diversion Task Force – Phase 1. No diversion for ROSC Patients Phase 2. No diversion for Code STEMI and Code Stroke Patients. Diversion Task Force will address the No Lights and Sirens at the next Task Force Meeting.

8. State of EMS Board Report – (Steve Bane)

- Strategy meeting will be held in Wisconsin Dells the first week in February.
- State is looking to eliminate the EMS Board. Steve Bane said he may look to the EMS Council for support to maintain the Board. ICC members and Deanna Alexander present told Steve Bane to contact them if the matter was not resolved at the State level and more support was needed.

9. Hospital Emergency Preparedness Plan (Mary Matilla)

- Mary Matilla reported that at the last Southeast Wisconsin Healthcare Emergency Readiness Coalition, Inc. (HERC) talked about the progression of the coalition.
- February 1 they will be doing hospital bed counts.
- Public Health mentioned that cases of measles are on the rise – 70+ cases.

10. Emergency Management (Christine Westrich)

- Christine Westrich introduced herself to the EMS Council. Christine has worked for the Sheriff's Department and has an extensive background with the Federal Government in emergency management situations. Ms. Westrich fills a void in the County in dealing with explosive situations within the community, bringing entities together for the common good. Christine will deliver a presentation to MC EMS Council at the March 25 meeting giving an overview of the OEM.

11. ICC (Village Pres. Robert Brunner and Mayor Hohenfeldt)

- Mayor Hohenfeldt reported that the municipalities are delighted with the savings they are experiencing on the purchase of election equipment by collaborating with each other in the purchase and buying at the same time. Savings in numbers. ICC members are looking for further collaborations on other items as well.
- There will be a presentation to the ICC Members entitled Communities Partnership for Prosperity for the 21st Century. Anyone interested in attending should contact Bob Brunner.
- Both Village President Brunner and Mayor Hohenfeldt reported that Christine Westrich gave a wonderful presentation at the ICC meeting regarding the restructuring and creation of the OEM.

12. MATC (Russ Spahn)

- The first MATC Paramedic Class is off to a good start.
- MATC is in the process of hiring part time and full time instructors for the Paramedic Class.

13. Communications: PSAPs, State or Local EMS Communications

- (General Comments Updates)
- No Report

New Business

Announcements

- Chief Joseph A. Forro is the new Fire Chief at General Mitchell Int'l Airport
- Supervisor Deanna Alexander asked that the September 23 EMS Council meeting be changed to October 7 so the Council would have a chance to have a look at the 2016 Budget, and would have a chance to propose any changes. Janis will look

Next Meeting – March 25, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. Froedtert Conference Center 8700 W. Watertown Plank Rd..

Upcoming Council Meeting Dates

Upcoming Dates for 2015: 5/27, 7/22, 10/7, and 12/7.

9:37 a.m. – Motion was made to adjourn

Submitted by Janis Spitzer

Special Events

2014-15 Season	Milwaukee Wave Games
2014-15 Season	Milwaukee Bucks High School Prep Series
11/22/14	Clash of the Kings
12/2/14	Bucks Sponsor Game
12/20/14	Hunger Task Force Food Basket Event
12/31/14	Trampled by Turtles Concert
1/1/15	Polar Plunge
1/21, 1/24, 2/6, 2/14,	UWM Men's & Woman's Basketball
2/19, 2/28, 3/4/15	Klotsche Ctr.
1/9, 1/14, 1/14, 1/20,	UWM Men's & Women's Basketball
1/29, 1/31, 2/10,	UWM Panthers Arena
2/15, 2/22/15	